

Custos Lodge
No. 9320

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PREAMBLE

It shall be an honourable understanding that while it continue to be the wish of the members, candidates for joining membership shall have received the distinguished honour of being appointed to the office of either Provincial Senior Warden or Provincial Junior Warden of the Craft Province of Worcestershire.

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1. Place and Dates of Meeting

The Lodge shall meet at the Moseley Masonic Hall, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 6DT, and shall hold regular meetings on the Second Friday in June and the First Friday in November at such hour as the Master shall direct.

2. Election and Installation Meetings

The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in June. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in November.

3. Election of Tyler

Subject to the provisions of Rule 113, Book of Constitutions, the Tyler shall be elected by a show of hands at the regular meeting in June.

4. Lodge Committee

The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge. This Committee shall consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for membership and on any matters specially referred to it by the Lodge. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

5. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually by the Lodge at the regular meeting in June. The Accounts shall be made up to 31st October in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge, duly audited, at the regular meeting in June. A copy of the accounts and the Audit Committee's certificate that all balances have been checked and that the accounts have been audited shall be sent to all members with the summons convening the meeting.

6. Fees and Annual Subscription

The Initiation Fee shall be £1,000; the joining fee £10 and the re-joining fee £10, such fees to be exclusive of subscription. In addition to these fees the candidate shall pay to the Lodge such registration fees as are payable to Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, together with any tax thereon, and the candidate shall before becoming a member be informed of the total amount due. The annual subscription due and payable in advance on 1st November, shall be such amount as the Lodge shall from time to time decide by resolution after notice on the summons. The visitor's fee at dinners shall be such amount as the Lodge Committee shall from time to time determine. Any member whose subscription is unpaid for one year shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice, in accordance with Rule 181, Book of Constitutions.

7. Admission of Candidates

The admission of candidates for initiation and joining shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 157 to 166, Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a candidate for initiation or joining one black ball shall exclude.

8. Termination of Membership

Any member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary, or orally in open Lodge, in accordance with Rule 183, Book of Constitutions, and he shall be entitled to the Certificate mentioned in Rule 175, Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge. Should he at any future time wish to rejoin, he shall be subject to the rules relating to joining members.

9. Payments from Lodge Funds

Payment of any sum exceeding £100 if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by resolution of the Lodge, of which notice has been given on the summons, except in a case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master and reported to the Lodge at the next regular meeting.

10. Amendment of By-Laws

Except as otherwise required by Rule 141, Book of Constitutions, amendment of these By-Laws, or of any them may be made only in the following manner:-

- (a) Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment or amendments proposed shall be given in open Lodge at a regular meeting.
- (b) The Motion shall be set out on the summons for the next regular meeting or for an Emergency meeting summoned for the purpose, and shall at such meeting be put to the Lodge.
- (c) A resolution for amendment, of which notice shall have been given as aforesaid, shall be carried if a majority of the members voting shall vote in favour of it, but it shall not be effective until approved by the Provincial Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Master.

Founders

- R.W.Bro. E. F. Hanson, *J.P.*, *LL.D.(Hon.)*, *Prov.G.M.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1968)
W.Bro. H. W. King, *P.S.G.D.*, *Asst.Prov.G.M.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1967)
W.Bro. B. M. Cooper, *J.P.*, *P.S.G.D.*, *Asst.Prov.G.M.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1968)
W.Bro. S. W. Bloxidge, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1955)
W.Bro. A. G. Wright, *T.D.*, *J.P.*, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1964)
W.Bro. A. E. V. Meredith, *C.B.E.*, *P.G.St.B.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1967)
W.Bro. D. R. Andrew, *D.S.M.*, *J.P.*, *P.J.G.D.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1969)
W.Bro. M. D. Arnold, *LL.B.*, *P.A.G.Reg.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1970)
W.Bro. R. M. Simpson, *P.G.St.B.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1972)
W.Bro. D. P. Alexander, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1972)
W.Bro. P. J. Mitchell, *O.B.E.*, *J.P.*, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1974)
W.Bro. A. C. Richardson, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1975)
W.Bro. J. E. Cox, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1976)
W.Bro. R. K. Briggs, *M.A.*, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1976)
W.Bro. A. G. Oxenbury, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1977)
W.Bro. J. Hobson, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1978)
W.Bro. D. Harty, *J.P.*, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1979)
W.Bro. M. A. Bendall, *P.A.G.D.C.*, *Prov.A.G.Sec.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1980)
W.Bro. J. L. Talbot, *P.A.C.D.C.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1981)
W.Bro. E. C. Beattie, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1981)
W.Bro. M. Fellow, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1982)
W.Bro. C. T. Davies, *P.A.G.D.C.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1982)
W.Bro. R. G. H. Goddard, *P.Prov.J.G.W.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1983)
W.Bro. J. C. Westwood, *P.Prov.S.G.W.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1984)
W.Bro. D. C. Harker, *P.Prov.J.G.W.*, *P.Prov.J.G.W.(Warks.)* (Prov.J.G.W. 1984)
W.Bro. A. E. Yorke-Brooks, *P.Prov.S.G.W.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1985)
W.Bro. M. Shaw, *P.Prov.J.G.W.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1985)
W.Bro. P. R. Cartwright, *P.Prov.S.G.W.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1986)
W.Bro. R. C. Vaughan, *P.Prov.J.G.W.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1986)
W.Bro. D. F. Carvell, *P.Prov.S.G.W.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1987)
W.Bro. C. P. T. Brown, *P.Prov.J.G.W.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1987)
W.Bro. C. Woodward, *P.Prov.S.G.W.* (Prov.S.G.W. 1988)
W.Bro. R. Rooke, *P.Prov.J.G.W.* (Prov.J.G.W. 1988)